



PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Hideki YOSHIDA et al.)	Group Art Unit: 2186
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Application No.: 10/779,738)	Examiner: Sheng Jen TSAI
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Filed: February 18, 2004)	
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For: STORAGE APPARATUS AND)	Confirmation No.: 9440
AREA ALLOCATION METHOD)	

MailStop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action mailed September 13, 2006, the period for response to which extends through January 13, 2007, by a request for extension of one month and fee payment filled concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment section of this paper.

Attachments to this amendment include **a certified English Translation of Japanese priority application no. 2003-41486.**